

## **Clearinghouse Rule 07-083**

### **PROPOSED ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ADOPTING RULES**

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs hereby adopts an order to amend VA 2.02(3)(b), relating to the tuition reimbursement program.

### **ANALYSIS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Statutory authority: ss. 45.20 (2) (f), Stats.

Statute interpreted: sec. 45.20 (2) (f), Stats.

The amending of VA 2.02(3)(b) will allow the department to address pre-application issues for veterans who are returning from deployment and are unable to submit pre-applications within the current 30-day period allotted by the rule.

There is no current or pending federal regulation that addresses this initiative. There are no similar rules in adjacent states. This rule has no regulatory aspect to it, has no effect upon small businesses, nor any significant fiscal impact upon the private sector.

### **TEXT OF RULE**

**SECTION 1.** VA 2.02(3)(b) is amended to read:

VA 2.02(3)(b) *Pre-application*. For semesters beginning after December 31, 2005, reimbursement may be made only if the veteran fully completes and files a pre-application with the department, on a form approved by the department, within 180 days of the commencement of the semester for which reimbursement is sought. It may be submitted through a county veterans service officer, through any other agent authorized by the department, or directly to the department, either manually or electronically. Failure

to file a pre-application under the terms of this paragraph will result in the denial of any grant application subsequently filed for the applicable semester.

The amendment of the rule contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register date as provided in s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats and shall apply to all pre-applications submitted after that date and any pre-application which has not been fully adjudicated through the appeals process as promulgated by the department.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, September 5, 2007.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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